

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 4-5, 8-9, 14, 16-17 and 22-25 are in the case. Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-13, 15 and 18-21 have been canceled. Claims 4, 8, 14, 16, 17, 22 and 23 have been amended. The Drawings have been amended.

The allowance of Claims 24 and 25 is acknowledged with appreciation.

Regarding the objection to the Drawings, Figures 9 and 10 have been amended as kindly suggested by the Examiner, wherefore reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of Claims 1-3, 6-7, 10-13 and 18-21 as allegedly being anticipated by applicants conceded prior art, these claims have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) of Claims 1 and 15 as allegedly being anticipated by applicants conceded prior art, these claims have been canceled, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Regarding the indication of allowability of Claims 4-5, 8-9, 14, 16-17 and 22-23 if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims, and the associated objection to those claims, Claims 4, 8, 14, 16, 17 and 22 have been amended and thereby effect such rewriting. (Claim 23 was amended to improve its form.) It is therefore respectfully submitted that Claims 4-5, 8-9, 14, 16-17 and 22-23 are all allowable. Wherefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

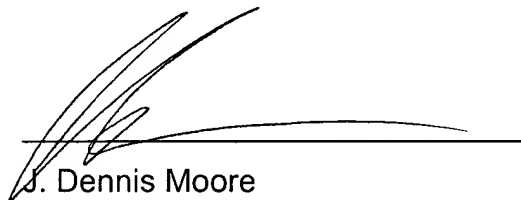
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as follows:

In both Figures 9 and 10 add the legend --(Prior Art)--, as shown in the accompanying substitute informal Sheet 3 of the Drawings.